



Speedy Recall

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One of the biggest challenges facing Activities Directors these days is how to keep games fresh, fun, and interesting for our residents as well as finding ways of keeping them involved, motivated, and meeting their needs without breaking the bank to do it. Well, this game is just the ticket! For one thing, it is affordable and when paired with a set of the hand buzzers becomes an entirely new game in itself. It is a fun, innovative game that is also very versatile at the same time because it appeals to every age, physical, and cognitive level. So get ready for “SPEEDY RECALL!”

Finding activities that can be adapted for a variety of groups, levels, and cognitions is always a challenge. Also, pairing residents up with someone besides their “buddy” or a higher functioning resident with someone that may need a little encouragement and/or help gives them the chance to get to know other residents better as well as showing our residents that it is o.k. to step out of the box. While the game “SPEEDY RECALL” may seem to be just another trivia game, it’s not. The primary purpose is to not only open up new socially active opportunities for our residents but also to promote healthy competition and comradery while being mentally, physically, emotionally, and therapeutically beneficial all at the same time.

The game “Speedy Recall” can be as challenging or as easy as one would like to make it. It can be easily adapted to Levels 1’s, 2’s, and 3’s; in small, medium, or large groups settings; 1 on 1; in room; even involving the staff in a challenging game to help lift the moral in your facility; everyone loves to claim bragging rights until “next time.” We make the activity into a “game show setting” pairing the game with a set of “answer buzzers” (set of 4) that make various noises. Our residents are paired off in teams; two to three on each team with a maximum of four teams. The game has two sets of cards; one set with the “ABC’s” on them, the other set with the clues. The “host” draws a card from each stack and reads them. For example: 1st card – the letter C; 2nd card is the clue card – “Name an article of clothing starting with the letter C?” This is where the “answer buzzers” come into play. The first team to hit their buzzer gets a chance to answer the question; if they get it right, their team earns 5 points; if they get it wrong the team that rang their buzzer second gets a chance to answer. The first team to 50 points wins the 1st round; then four new teams get a chance to play. The game consists of four rounds. The four winning teams from the previous rounds then play for the championship and “bragging rights”. The “host” job is to hold up the cards and call out the clue, along with a “ta-da person” that keeps up with the score and the teams that won the previous rounds on the dry erase board. They also help judge which team hit the buzzer first in case it is hard to tell. Our residents have a lot of fun with this game, they enjoy the funny sounds that the buzzers make, sometimes hitting them just to hear it. In fact during our recent state survey, one of the lady surveyor’s played the game with the residents and loved it; the residents got a big kick out of it also.

The supplies needed for the game “SPEEDY RECALL” are as follows: a dry erase board, marker, and eraser; which most of us have. This is used when the game is played in a group setting and/or in the “game show” aspect. The game itself “SPEEDY RECALL” - \$14.99; a set of hand buzzers - \$ 19.99/batteries not included; both can be purchased at S&S Worldwide. The smiles, fun, and laughter; PRICELESS!!